Consider the Lord Jesus Christ

"By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament"

(Hebrews 7:22-25)

Beloved, …consider the Lord Jesus Christ, in this endearing character, as our surety, and representative, when assuming our nature, and in that nature, fulfilling all righteousness, and expiating all iniquity [all transgressions, indeed, all sin], by the sacrifice of Himself; the conclusion is obvious; all that He did, and all that He suffered, was for us, and in our stead, and not for Himself. If He was made under the law, it was, to redeem them that were under the law, that they might receive the adoption of sons [Galatians 4:4-5]. If He, who knew no sin, became sin for us, it was that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him [2 Corinthians 5:21]. If He took our name, and fulfilled our duties, and bore our punishment, nothing can be more evident than that the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. The debt therefore being paid, the debtor must be free [Isaiah 44:5, 53:1-12]. The Surety, having answered all demands, the Principal, is in consequence released. Both, cannot be responsible, for this would be demanding a double recompense, which is inconsistent with the rule of equity. And hence it follows, by the plainest, and most undeniable evidence, that every truly awakened Sinner, in whose heart, the sense of sin, and the dependence on Christ, for salvation, is wrought, by the operation of the Holy Ghost, is taught not to look forward, to the day of judgment, for the hour of redemption as a matter then only to be obtained; but to depend upon it as being already accomplished, and to expect the Lord Jesus in that day, in His coming, as His Saviour. — Robert Hawker

I love my Shepherd's voice,
His watchful eyes shall keep,
My wand'ring soul, among
The thousands of His sheep
He feeds His flock, He calls their names,
His bosom bears His tender lambs.

To this dear Surety's hand
Will I commit my cause;
He answers, and fulfills,
His Father's broken laws.
Behold my soul at freedom set;
My Surety paid the dreadful debt!

— Watts

SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

July 11th, 2021

We gather together
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and
Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

"By so much was JESUS made a SURETY of a better testament."*

(Hebrews 7:22)

*A person who takes responsibility for another's performance of an undertaking

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BELOVED, are you not thankful? The Lord Jesus Christ is ALL! By the blood of His obedient death, He is all our *pardon* for transgressions and iniquities; and by the perfect righteousness of His obedient life, He is all our *performance* for righteousness and true holiness, without which no sinner will see the LORD. You see, where it says in scripture *"without faith it is impossible to please God"* that verse is not merely making reference to salvation (the gift of God) but further beloved, it speaks ever so blessedly of the object of our faith—the faithful Lord Jesus Christ. By God's grace beloved, we know *"that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith OF Jesus Christ"* and the apostle Paul repeats the glorious good news for believers how that *"we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might* [or so that we may] *be justified by the faith OF Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified"* (Galatians 2:16). Remember beloved, *"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy he saved us…"* (Titus 3:5-7).

WELCOME

SINNERS are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect assembly, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's underserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name Jesus for He shall (not might, not maybe) rather He shall save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it you are *complete in Him*, saved to the *uttermost* [Colossians 2:10, Hebrews 7:25].

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday!
Leisa Groover, July 11th

RESOURCES

BE sure to visit our websites for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

GRACE ARTICLES

"I rejoice in hope; I am accepted—accepted!"

"…Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted" (Luke 18:10-14).

The following are some of the expressions which fell from [the lips of John Kent] during the last few days of his earthly existence, "My hopes are fixed on the Rock of Ages." The 27th Psalm having been read to him, he raised his trembling hand, and said, with much feeling, "I can put my hand upon the whole of that." "I am in the arms of everlasting love." "*'We must all appear before the judgment-seat of Christ.'* (2 Corinthians 5:10). That portion has cut me to the heart, while at the same time it has been my hope. If I am to stand by myself to give an account, I am lost, lost for ever; but it is the judgment-seat of Christ; He is my Surety*, and has paid all demands. I shall be tried there by a covenant of grace, not a covenant of works, blessed be God for His great salvation." "I bless God that the promises of the gospel met me in all my wants, wounds, and wretchedness." "I wish to die with *'God be merciful to me a sinner'* upon my lips." This great enemy of souls was now permitted to make a last attack upon him, when he said to his son, "Satan has again thrust sore at me, but I shall triumph. He would have me give up my hope, and believe the gospel to be a cunningly-devised fable; but JESUS was tempted, and knows how to succor [support] them that are tempted; this I have experienced; He has been my defense." "It is indeed a consoling thought that most probably a few short hours will terminate my sufferings." The war with Amalek will soon be over. His fightings and fears appeared to be now over, he extended his hand, cold with the chill of death, and exclaimed, "I rejoice in hope; I am accepted—accepted!" He now, like the Patriarch Jacob, gathered up his feet in the bed, and fell asleep in JESUS, on the November, 1843, aged 77 years. — William Gadsby

* **sur-e-ty** | noun — a person who takes responsibility for another's performance of an undertaking, for example their appearing in court or the payment of a debt.